SUBJECTS.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer will be asked to report on the development of communications in the Thodupuzha taluk, with special reference to the suggestions of the Member.

93. The need for a bridge at the south ferry of the Alwaye river.

Mr. P. K. Nilakantan Elayathu (Member, Alengad taluk) said that the town of Alwaye was rising in importance and was a sanitorium. It attracted a great many people on the occasion of the Sivaratri and in the hot season. The Police station, Post and Anchal offices, Executive Engineer's office, Excise offices, Railway station, schools and the market were all on one side of the Alwaye river, while, on the other, there were the Taluk Cutcherry, the Treasury, the Magistrate's Court, the Sub-Registrar's office, &c. The difficulties experienced by the people in crossing and recrossing the river were indescribable. In the monsoons there was very great danger in crossing the river ; but even the school children could not avoid it then and accidents were not uncommon. During his visit to the taluk in Edavam last, the Dewan himself would have personally experienced the difficulties. If a bridge were constructed on a narrow part of the river near the south ferry, all the inconveniences would be removed, and it would also tend to establish a through line of communication with Parur on the one side and Kunnathnad, Moovattupuzha and other taluks on the other and increase the importance and the usefulness of the Alwaye town. He therefore requested the early construction of a bridge at the ferry.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer will be asked to investigate the matter.

94. Local needs of the Parur taluk.

Mr. A. Govinda Menon, B. A. (Member, Parur taluk) said—

(*a*) that his proposals under roads were the following :—

(1) that the cartable road from Chathanad to Kuriappalli *via* Parur, already sanctioned, be constructed without delay ;

(2) that the roads from Parur to Edappalli, Peruvaram to Mannam, and Peruvaram to Chennamangalam, be made cartable, and that a bridge be constructed at the Chennamangalam crossing ;

(3) that a road to Munambom from Alanthuruthu *via* Machanthuruthu and Kunjithie be constructed as a branch road to the Chathanad-Kuriapalli road ; and

(4) that a cartable road be constructed from Kannankulangara to Chakkarakadavu ferry.

(*b*) In regard to the construction of the new hospital building, he said that, when he represented the matter last year, he was informed that the plan and estimate had been sanctioned ; but he regretted that the work was not started.

Dewan.—For want of funds the work has been allowed to lie over till 1089.

(*c*) The Member next requested that the Parur—Cheriyapalli canal should be deepened and made navigable through-

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